

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed National Defense Authorization bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7363–S7404

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3651–3656, and S. Res. 608. **Pages S7401–02**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 221), Senate passed S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7381–92**

Adopted:

Levin (for Kyl/Udall (NM)) Modified Amendment No. 2927, to establish a congressional advisory panel on revising the governance structure of the National Nuclear Security Administration to permit it to operate more effectively and independently of the Department of Energy. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 3019, to amend the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 with respect to the State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Toomey) Amendment No. 3062, to require the Government Accountability Office to include in its annual report to Congress a list of the most common grounds for sustaining protests relating to bids for contracts. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Brown (OH)) Modified Amendment No. 3113, to extend treatment of base closure areas as HUBZones for purposes of the Small Business Act. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Rubio/Nelson (FL)) Modified Amendment No. 3175, to limit the availability of funds for retirement or inactivation of Ticonderoga class cruisers or dock landing ships. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Carper) Amendment No. 3241, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Carper) Amendment No. 3242, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 3277, to express the sense of Congress regarding the reallocation of government spectrum. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Moran/Ayotte) Modified Amendment No. 3285, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Bennet) Modified Amendment No. 3226, to make enhancements to the Troops-to-Teachers program. **Pages S7383–85**

Levin (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 3117, to provide that the rating chain for a system program manager may include any senior official located at an Air Logistics Complex where the system program manager is based. **Pages S7383–85**

By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 220), McCain Modified Amendment No. 3262, to require a report on military activities to deny or significantly degrade the use of air power against civilian and opposition groups in Syria. **Pages S7386–89**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 3123, to require briefings on dialogue between the United States and the Russian Federation on nuclear arms, missile defense, and long-range conventional strike systems. **Pages S7381, S7389**

National Defense Authorization: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 3254, as amended. **Page S7392**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Wicker, Brown (MA), Portman, Ayotte, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Vitter.

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Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1947, to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Blumenthal Amendment No. 3309, to improve the bill.

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International parental child abduction: Senate agreed to S. Res. 543, to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the bill.

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Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, Senate be in a period of morning business for up to 4 hours with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each except where noted below and the time be divided as follows: Majority controlling the first 30 minutes; Republicans controlling the next 30 minutes; Senator Grassley controlling the next 45 minutes; Majority controlling the next 45 minutes; Republicans controlling the next 45 minutes; and the Majority controlling the following 45 minutes; and that following morning business, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6156, Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act.

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Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Treaty: By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 219), two-thirds of the Senators present and not having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and signed by the United States of America on June 30, 2009 (the “Convention”) (Treaty Doc. 112–7) was not agreed to and the Senate does not advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Page S7400

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—221) Pages S7379, S7389, S7392

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7404.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Schumer, Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and Joshua D. Wright, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.